



# THE PATHWAY FROM **EDUCATION TO VOCATION**

*Becoming a Difference Maker in*  
**GLOBAL STUDIES**

## Why Study **Global Studies** at Azusa Pacific University?

The global studies major includes dynamic, unfolding, and individualized sets of learning experiences—some occurring within a formal classroom environment and others within domestic and international field settings. The multicultural learning of LA Term, for instance, paves the way for the international, intercultural learning experiences highlighted in the Global Learning Term. Students serve in an internship at home and abroad and discover how regional realities are shaped by broader demographic, political, economic, and cultural systems that operate at regional, national, and global levels.

The mission of the global studies program is to attract and develop an exceptional group of world learners through a unique combination of individualized mentoring, multidisciplinary coursework, intercultural fieldwork, and compassionate action. The aim is to equip students with the global knowledge, intercultural grace, practical learning skills, and moral imagination to support vocations dedicated to promoting God's truth and justice in the world.

The curriculum balances traditional learning in the classroom with experiential learning in the world. Rather than anchor learning solely in textbooks, students are given ample opportunity to field-test what they learn by engaging experientially in ever-changing contemporary reality. In other words, the written text is juxtaposed with living texts.

## YOU MIGHT CONSIDER A GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR IF YOU:

- Are intellectually curious and interculturally flexible
- Care about the peoples, processes, and problems of the world
- Want to grow in global understanding, multiple language ability, empathy, and justice-seeking
- Desire to learn, not just from lectures and texts, but also through real-life contexts and relationships
- Seek a career where your passions and the world's needs intersect



**CAMERON DEMETRE '13**  
Senate Fellow  
California State Senate

In his role as Senate Fellow, Cameron is responsible for drafting legislation, staffing Senate committees, speech writing, and responding to constituent queries. He received his Masters of Social Science from The London School of Economics.

*“Do not be afraid of a challenge. If you embrace the difficult things now it will only make you stronger as a person and in your career.”*



**KATIE FUGATE '14**  
ESL Teacher  
Intercultura Costa Rica

Katie just finished her first year of living in Costa Rica and working as an English teacher. Her semester on LA term was the most rewarding, yet challenging, experience she had at APU.

*“Don't worry about having everything figured out right away. Uncertainty is not only okay, it is strengthening and beautiful.”*

## GLOBAL STUDIES MAJORS ARE PREPARED FOR:

- Connecting imaginatively and ethically with the major challenges facing the world, including human rights, water, food, energy, refugees, climate change, acute poverty, and security
- Trying on new ways of thinking, acting, and interacting by living with culturally different families and serving with change-oriented community organizations
- Communicating effectively and appropriately within a foreign culture
- Planning and executing multi-step service and research projects, in cross-cultural settings, under the mentorship of community leaders
- Thinking critically—that is, probing beneath the surface of issues, listening to multiple perspectives, gathering evidence, continually questioning one's cultural assumptions and values, and making ethical judgments from a wider horizon than one's home culture
- Communicating global learning in clear, coherent, and creative forms of writing and speech

## GRADUATES IN GLOBAL STUDIES WORK AS:

- International development consultants
- Non-profit program managers
- Public health workers
- Community organizers
- Church leaders
- English as a foreign language (EFL) teachers
- Social entrepreneurs
- Community developers
- Urban planners
- Human rights advocates
- Environmental managers

- Diplomats
- Social workers

*\*Many of these careers may require additional training and/or graduate education*



**ROCHELLE YOUNAN-MONTGOMERY '09**  
Associate Program Director  
Alliance for Climate Education

Rochelle manages a team of Bay Area staff to deliver ACE's award-winning climate science presentation and execute the Action Fellowship (ACE's weekly mentorship program). She also develops climate science and social justice curriculum for national teams to use with their cohorts.

*“In all that you do, live simply, love generously, care deeply, and speak kindly.”*

To connect with these and other APU alumni, email [clasalumni@apu.edu](mailto:clasalumni@apu.edu)

## STEPS TO TAKE AS A MAJOR IN GLOBAL STUDIES

## OPTIONS TO EXPLORE AROUND APU

### BE CALLED.

EXPLORE. DEFINE. RESEARCH. LEARN.

- **ENROLL IN GLOBAL ISSUES & PROSPECTS (GLBL 120)**  
Explore the key concepts in global studies, as well as the trends and issues affecting global communities.
- **TAKE ANTHROPOLOGY FOR EVERYDAY LIFE (GLBL 301)**  
Encounter and understand human differences within local communities through the combined study of topics in applied anthropology and the development of cross-cultural relationships.
- **READ "WHAT IS GLOBAL STUDIES?" BY MARK JUERGENSMEYER**  
[global-ejournal.org/2011/05/06/what-is-global-studies-3/](http://global-ejournal.org/2011/05/06/what-is-global-studies-3/)

- **LEARN HOW TO APPLY YOUR STRENGTHS WITHIN YOUR ACADEMICS, LIFE, AND CAREER**  
Meet with a Career Consultant\* or Strengths Mentor.
- **CONSIDER CAREER OPTIONS FOR YOUR MAJOR**  
Meet with a Career Consultant\* or your faculty advisor to explore and discuss requirements for your career options.

### BE PREPARED.

IDENTIFY. STRENGTHEN. PRACTICE.

- **SECURE AN INTERNSHIP**  
Global studies students complete two pre-professional internships—Los Angeles internship experiences in Community Transformation (GLBL 330), and International Internship (GLBL335). Both internships involve academic work that simultaneously builds up world understanding and benefits local communities.
- **CARRY OUT SMALL-SCALE RESEARCH PROJECTS**  
Employers want what the global studies major seeks to develop: students who can think critically, communicate clearly, relate to others across deep differences, make ethical judgments on complex subjects, and apply global knowledge to stubborn problems. Throughout the program, students complete self-directed field research on pressing community issues under the apprenticeship of local experts.
- **INTERGRATE YOUR GLOBAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES**  
Integration and Formation Seminar (GLBL 425) and Sustainable Societies (GLBL 420) guide students in examining *self* in relation to *society* as a basis for crafting personal lifestyle and vocational *responses*. The integration process asks the question: "How do I become the change I want to see in the world?"
- **PREPARE YOUR PORTFOLIO**  
Global studies majors collect select academic products into an individualized digital folder that highlights and showcases students' major experiences and accomplishments. The portfolio becomes a professional resource for students.

- **RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON YOUR INTERVIEWING ABILITIES**  
Complete a Mock Interview with a Career Consultant\*
- **CREATE A RESUME TO APPLY FOR AN INTERNSHIP**  
Meet with a Career Consultant\* to review your resume and cover letter. Run them by your professors, too.
- **GROW YOUR SKILLS IN AN ON CAMPUS JOB OR STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITION**  
Talk to Student Employment or Student Life about the available opportunities.
- **VOLUNTEER LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY TO SHAPE YOUR PERSPECTIVE**  
Talk to the Center for Student Action about how you can serve.
- **GAIN KNOWLEDGE ABOUT YOUR CAREER OPTIONS**  
Do informational interviews or go to a career-related event to learn more about your career, degree, and experience requirements.

### BE CONNECTED.

JOIN. NETWORK. BE ACTIVE.

- **ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE STUDENT-RUN GLOBAL STUDIES CLUB (GSC)**  
The GSC is comprised of those who are either Global Studies majors or minors, or are interested in issues of global relevance.
- **PARTICIPATE IN CAMPUS EVENTS THAT EXPLORE INTERNATIONAL OR MULTICULTURAL TOPICS**
- **MAKE MULTICULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS WITH APU STUDENTS**  
Organizations include the Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity (SCRD), the International Chapel, and the American International Mentoring (AIM) program.
- **JOIN APU CONNECT**  
Use the exclusive online networking portal to connect with other alumni.

- **TALK TO ALUMNI FROM YOUR MAJOR**  
Join [APUConnect.com](http://APUConnect.com) and start reaching out. You can also email [clasalumni@apu.edu](mailto:clasalumni@apu.edu)\* for help connecting with alumni.
- **GET ACTIVE ON LINKEDIN**  
Meet with a Career Consultant\* to review your profile and learn how to use LinkedIn.
- **ATTEND CAREER-RELATED EVENTS**  
Keep an eye out for career events related to your major or that are happening around campus.
- **HAVE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ON HAND**  
Request them from professors and advisors at least a month before due.

\* Visit [apucareer.youcanbook.me/](http://apucareer.youcanbook.me/) to make an appointment with a Career Consultant

\* Use subject line: Connect me with APU alumni

# APPLYING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

## EXPLORE.



Learn more at  
[www.apu.edu/career/graduateschool](http://www.apu.edu/career/graduateschool)

## SELECT.

ONLINE RESOURCES TO HELP IDENTIFY THE BEST PROGRAM FOR YOU

[Peterson's Guide](#)  
[GradSchools.com](#)  
[The Princeton Review](#)  
[National Assoc. of Graduate Professional Students](#)  
[The Council of Graduate Schools](#)  
[APU Pew Society Graduate Guide](#)

EXAMPLES OF SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY APU GLOBAL STUDIES GRADUATES:

[Claremont Graduate School of Theology](#)  
[Fuller Theological Seminary](#)  
[University of Southern California](#)  
[The London School of Economics](#)  
[San Jose State University](#)

## APPLY.

- APPLICATION FORM AND FEES**  
Follow instructions carefully and have one or more people check for errors.
- ENTRANCE ESSAY**  
Provide a writing example that shows your personal objectives.
- TRANSCRIPT**  
Ask APU to send it directly to the school you are applying to.
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**  
Schools usually require three letters, so get them early.
- INTERVIEWS**  
If your potential school requests an interview, treat it as a job interview.

# FINDING YOUR CAREER

## IDENTIFY.

- Search online job boards and professional associations in the Global Studies field
- Regularly check-in with your organizations of interest and network with those who can inform you of opportunities
- Look on APU Career Network for possible opportunities

**GLOBAL STUDIES ASSOCIATIONS:**

[Global Studies Association of North America](#)  
[International Studies Association](#)  
[Christian Community Development Association](#)  
[NAFSA: Association of International Educators](#)  
[The Forum on Education Abroad](#)

## PREPARE.

**BRAINSTORM YOUR EXPERIENCE**  
What have you done? What is relevant?

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**TAILOR YOUR RESUME**  
What does the job description say?

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**WRITE GOOD BULLET POINTS**  
Do you focus on your accomplishments?

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**FORMAT YOUR RESUME**  
Is it easy to read and follow?

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**PRACTICE INTERVIEWING**  
Know yourself.  
Know the position.  
Know the organization.

## RESEARCH OPTIONS

**OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK**  
<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

**O\*NET ONLINE**  
[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION REFERENCE**  
[www.weddles.com/associations](http://www.weddles.com/associations)

## NETWORK.

WHO DO YOU KNOW?  
WHO DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?



**WHY NETWORK?**

- Learn about different options in your field
- Research companies and positions of interest
- Find hidden opportunities that are not advertised
- Obtain referrals from those who have influence

**EXAMPLES OF COMPANIES THAT HIRE APU GLOBAL STUDIES GRADUATES:**

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice  
California State Senate Fellows Program  
Garden School Foundation  
Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley  
No More Deaths (No Mas Muertes)  
Walker Art Center  
HealthRIGHT 360  
Peace Corps  
AmeriCorps  
World Vision  
Institute for International Education  
International Justice Mission